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**Muscle Shoals Baptist Association**

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# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## Muscle Shoals Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Town Creek Baptist Church, Lawrence County, Ala.

October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1896.

### OFFICERS:

ELDER R. T. WEAR, MODERATOR.....Mt. Hope, Ala.  
ELDER JOS. SHACKELFORD, CLERK.....Danville, Ala.  
W. D. IRWIN, TREASURER.....Moulton, Ala.

### Executive Board, Moulton, Ala.

O. D. GIBSON,	J. M. KICHENS,	J. M. SHOEMAKER,
A. W. BAILEY,	A. L. MOODY,	H. B. IRWIN,
J. G. ORR,	J. C. TIDWELL,	DR. R. M. SIMPSON,
W. D. IRWIN,	J. M. SANDLIN,	G. W. JACKSON,
	WM. EAST,	W. D. IRWIN, Treas.

### Board of Ministerial Education, Danville, Ala.

JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD,	J. M. KICHENS,	J. G. ORR,	G. C. HARDWICK,
C. T. WALLACE,	BYRD GIBSON,	JOSEPH SANDLIN.	

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. Thursday.
2. After intermission—Thursday afternoon—the Moderator shall call the Association to order and appoint Reading Clerks.
3. Read letters from the churches and enroll delegates.
4. Elect officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence from other bodies.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
8. Appointment of Committees, viz: 1—On Devotional Exercises. 2—State of Religion. 3—Deceased Ministers. 4—Documents. 5—Finance Committee.
9. Call for report of Board of Trustees of North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School at Danville.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Friday Morning—Religious Exercises one-half hour.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
14. Call for Treasurer's Report.
15. Call for Report of Board of Ministerial Education.
16. Report of Missionaries.
17. Report of Standing Committees in the order of their appointment.
18. Report of other Committees in their order.
19. Appoint Time and Place of next meeting and the preaching of the introductory sermon and the alternate.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Read the minutes, call the roll and adjourn.

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The next session will be held with Hartselle Church, Morgan Co., commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1897.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

|                        |               |                        |                 |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| *Atkinson, E. S.....   | Decatur.      | *McPherson, R. P.....  | New Decatur.    |
| Austin, W. H.....      | Russellville. | Norwood, Richard.....  | Courtland.      |
| *Bragg, T. R.....      | Moulton       | *Roan, J. E.....       | Somerville.     |
| Baldwin, J. T.....     | Flint.        | *Roberts, J. M.....    | Town Creek.     |
| *Blackman, J. R.....   | Danville.     | Richey, J. L.....      | Edmond.         |
| *Briscoe, Marion.....  | Danville.     | *Shackelford, Jos..... | Danville.       |
| *Briscoe, Albert.....  | Falkville.    | *Sandlin, J. W.....    | New Decatur.    |
| *Briscoe, H. L.....    | Falkville.    | Stephenson, E. D.....  | Danville.       |
| *Bradford, Isaac.....  | Avoca.        | *Stockton, J. I.....   | Simpson.        |
| Bell, G. W.....        | New Decatur.  | Smith, W. G. W.....    | Falkville.      |
| *Cobbs, W. T.....      | Hartselle.    | Thompson, J. N.....    | Falkville.      |
| *Comstock, O. E.....   | Sheffield.    | *Thames, A. J.....     | Tuscumbia.      |
| Dawson, J. D.....      | Town Creek.   | *Wear, R. T.....       | Mt. Hope.       |
| Finney, Mike.....      | Newburg.      | Wear, L. A.....        | Laudersville.   |
| *Gunn, Jackson.....    | Trinity.      | *Weaver, J. C.....     | Somerville.     |
| Gibson, J. S.....      | Mt. Hope.     | Weaver, T. J.....      | Somerville.     |
| Hembree, J. H.....     | Danville.     | *Wright, W. E.....     | Somerville.     |
| *McClanahan, J. D..... | Hartselle.    | Wright, J. S.....      | Somerville.     |
| Martin, T. S.....      | Danville.     | Vincent, J. C.....     | South Florence. |

[3] Note—Those marked with \* , are regularly engaged in preaching to from 1 to 4 churches.

## MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Seventy-seventh Session of the Muscle Shoals Association of Baptists met at Town Creek Baptist church, Lawrence county, Ala., on Thursday, October 1st, 1896, 11 o'clock a. m.

Elder E. S. Atkinson, of the First Baptist church, Decatur, Ala., read the 6th chapter of Galatians and offered prayer.

After singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Sandlin, of the First Baptist church of New Decatur, from the Epistle of Jude, 3rd verse. He urged the brethren to contend earnestly for the faith. The discourse was plain and practical.

After the sermon the congregation was dismissed for one hour, with a short prayer by Elder J. C. Vincent.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time.

The religious services were conducted by Elder J. I. Stockton, of Trinity church, after which the former Moderator, Elder R. T. Wear, of Town Creek church, called the Association to order and declared it ready for business.

Elder Jos. Shackelford, of Danville church, the former Clerk, took his place at the Clerk's table.

The Moderator appointed Bros. J. I. Stockton, E. S. Atkinson and A. L. Moody as Reading Clerks.

The letters from the churches were then called for, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel (M.)—W. J. Huckabee.

Bethel (C.)—W. W. Nesmith, C. C. Kirby and M. H. Golden.

Blue Spring—Letter.

Macedonia (F.)—W. S. Roe and Walter Atwood.

Central Decatur—R. P. McPherson and W. M. Jolly.

Bethany—J. W. Owen and A. M. Chrisler.

Central Grove—Letter.

Cherry Hill—E. R. Richeson.

Enon—J. M. West and J. E. McMillan.

Decatur (First)—E. S. Atkinson.

Friendship—Jonathan Norwood, James Walker and E. W. Roden.

Hopewell—J. H. Hembree and J. J. Sandlin.

Danville—Jos. Shackelford, M. Briscoe and D. F. Green.

Cave Spring—Letter.

Harmony—J. A. Walker and W. S. Howell.

Gum Spring (M.)—W. M. Roan and D. E. Tapscott.

Macedonia (M.)—L. W. Jones.

Gum Spring (L.)—W. H. Muston, T. J. Randolph and A. R. Halbrooks.

Hartselle—W. T. Cobbs and J. D. McClanahan.

Mount Zion (M.)—Letter.

Mount Zion (L.)—J. H. Butler and J. L. Richey.

Mount Nebo (L.)—Wm. East, J. W. Horton and G. W. Hargett.

Moulton—O. D. Gibson, R. M. Simpson and H. B. Irwin.

Mission Grove—Letter.

Mount Pisgah—Letter.

New Centre—W. B. Bryant and W. M. Bryant.  
 New Hope—J. R. Blackman.  
 Mount Stanley—Letter.  
 New Friendship—W. J. Blankenship.  
 New Prospect—F. M. Caruth, Walter Willis and Jos. Greenham.  
 Russellville—Peter Clay, J. M. Orman and R. T. Ryland.  
 Pleasant Grove—T. R. Bragg and Rush Stockton.  
 Okalona—W. D. Brasswell, J. M. Reed and R. L. Bond.  
 Rocky Creek—J. P. Henderson.  
 Pleasant Hill—J. Gunn and George Russell.  
 Shady Grove—J. A. Moore and C. M. Livingston.  
 Somerville—J. E. Weaver and S. A. Lynn.  
 New Decatur (First)—J. W. Sandlin, John Masterson and Frank Utter.  
 Sheffield—A. J. Ivie, Lon Little and E. Evans.  
 Tuscumbia—A. L. Moody and A. J. Thames.  
 Trinity—J. I. Stockton, W. S. Johnson and James Bates.  
 Liberty—Wm. Clayton and S. J. Odell.  
 Siloam—W. Hall.  
 Town Creek—R. T. Wear, H. O. Henley and J. N. Jackson.  
 Mount Pleasant—J. M. Roberts, A. L. Steenson and J. T. McAlister.

There being no other letters, the Moderator announced that the Association would proceed to the election of officers.

Bros. H. B. Irwin and O. D. Gibson were appointed Tellers.

The vote having been taken and counted by the Tellers, they announced that Elder R. T. Wear was elected Moderator, and Elder Jos. Shackelford, Clerk.

After a few remarks, thanking the Association for the honor conferred, by these officers, they took their places.

The order of business as printed in the minutes of last year was adopted.

#### PETITIONARY LETTERS.

On a call for petitionary letters, one was presented from Calhoun church, which, being found regular, on motion, the church was received as a member of this body, and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to Bro. W. A. Muroy, the only delegate present.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

Elder J. R. Nesmith, from Bear Creek Association, and Albert Briscoe, from Cullman Association, were received.

On motion, Elder J. W. Sandlin was received as a representative of the State Board of Missions.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—The delegates of Town Creek church, and Bros. O. D. Gibson, Wm. East and W. D. Irwin.  
 State of Religion—J. M. Roberts, J. W. Horton and W. M. Roan.  
 Deceased Ministers—J. I. Stockton, J. J. Sandlin and W. W. Nesmith.  
 Documents—J. D. McClanahan, J. E. Weaver and Peter Clay.  
 Finance—A. L. Moody, H. B. Irwin and O. D. Gibson.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.  
 Prayer by Elder A. J. Thames.

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Albert Briscoe, after which the minutes were read and approved.

Delayed letters were handed in and read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Lebanon—W. H. Junkins.

Salem—D. C. Murphree and J. W. Key.

Mount Hope—Howard Smith.

Bros. W. D. Irwin and J. M. Sandlin, who are members of the Executive Board, were enrolled as members, ex-officio.

The Moderator announced the following brethren as Chairmen of Standing Committees, to prepare reports on the subjects assigned to other brethren who were not present:

Orphans' Home—J. E. Weaver.

Temperance—R. P. McPherson.

Colportage—E. S. Atkinson.

Sunday Schools—A. J. Thames.

The regular order of business was taken up, and the report of the Trustees of Danville School was called for.

## DANVILLE SCHOOL.

The report of the Trustees of this school was read by Bro. Jos. Shackelford, the President of the Board of Trustees, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH ALABAMA BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

*To the Muscle Shoals Association:*

The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School, at Danville, Ala., beg leave to make this, their fourth annual report, to your body:

The School closed its third session last June. Prof. D. F. Green, who was elected President in 1895 proved himself to be a successful teacher and gave entire satisfaction in his management of the School.

The commencement exercises passed off with great success. We had one full graduate and two graduates in the English course.

The fourth session commenced on Monday, the 7th of September, with Prof. Green as President, who was re-elected by the Trustees, and Miss Lizzie Green as teacher of the Primary Department, and Miss Susie Shackelford, teacher of Music. The opening was more flattering than we have ever had, and new pupils are entering every week. There are now enrolled 73 pupils, a larger number than we have ever had at this time of the session, and we are looking forward to an enrollment of more than 100 by the first of January, 1897.

The total enrollment for the entire session of 1895-6 was 94.

We had only about 50 when our report was made last October. The School is certainly growing in the estimation of the people. We are glad to say that people are attracted to Danville by the School, and every dwelling house is, and will be, occupied.

If the Baptist people would give this School the patronage which it deserves from them, we would soon number our pupils by the hundreds.

Prof. Green has employed another teacher to assist him—one of our graduates—Mr. T. H. Johnson, who is fully competent. As the School grows larger, other assistants will be employed—as the needs demand.

We earnestly beg that the Baptists of the Muscle Shoals Association will consider this as their School, and give us their patronage when it is within their power to do so.

Our rates of tuition are reasonable, and board is cheap.

The term of the following named Trustees expires at this session of your body, viz: Capt. A. W. Bailey, Judge A. L. Moody and Dr. John P. Hodges. Their places will have to be filled, either by their re-appointment or the appointment of others.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. SHACKELFORD,  
President.

T. L. BAKER,  
Secretary.

Danville, Ala., Sept. 30th, 1896.

After remarks by Bros. Jos. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin, J. I. Stockton and T. R. Bragg, it was ordered to be spread on the minutes.

On motion, A. W. Bailey, A. L. Moody and J. P. Hodges were re-appointed Trustees for three years, from 1896 to 1899.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. O. D. Gibson, Chairman, made the report of the Executive Board, which was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION, CONVENED WITH TOWN CREEK CHURCH, LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALA., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1896.

Your Executive Board met in Moulton on Feb. 28, 1896. Complying with the line of work recommended by the last Association, we employed Elder Jos. Shackelford as evangelist and colporter, to work in the bounds of this Association, at a salary of \$40 per month for the time actually employed in evangelistic work.

He began work on the 11th day of March last, and his report will show the amount of work performed, and his salary.

We employed Bro. Marion Briscoe to aid Bro. Shackelford, at a salary of \$20 per month, time employed in evangelistic work. He began work May 16th, 1896. His report will give summary of work and salary.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. GIBSON,  
Chairman of Board.

JAS. M. SANDLIN,  
Secretary of Board.

In connection with this report, the report of Jos. Shackelford, evangelist and colporter, was read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF JOS. SHACKELFORD, EVANGELIST AND COLPORTER FOR THE MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN: I was employed by your Executive Board to work as evangelist and colporter within the territory of the Association, at a salary of \$40 per month, counting only the time actually engaged in the work. So far as the colportage work was concerned, I was to furnish the books with my own means, except \$5.00 which the Board furnished to buy tracts for free distribution. These tracts I have distributed free, where I could not get brethren to purchase them.

The following is a consolidated report of my labors during the year:

I have made monthly reports to the Board, as required. I commenced my work on the 11th of March.

Time employed in days, 124; months—4 months and 4 days.

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Miles traveled.....                 | 885 |
| Sermons preached .....              | 106 |
| Missionary addresses delivered..... | 24  |

My work has been mainly directed in stirring up the churches to more active work in the Master's cause. I found a great deal of apathy and indifference on the part of many church members. Upon inquiry, I have found that there has been a great falling off in attendance upon the public worship, both by church members and people generally.

During the past summer there have been some good meetings in many of the churches, and, I trust, the prospect is more hopeful. I have visited about fifty of the churches in the Association; had appointments at two that I did not fill, and went to one where an appointment had been made, but it was not known. In the month of September I held a series of missionary meetings, called "Baptist Rallies." These meetings at Somerville, Okolona and Mount Nebo, in Franklin county, were successful. They were well attended by the members of those churches and the people. At Hartselle, Enon and Hillsboro they were failures, because neither many members nor people turned out. Bros. McCleanahan, Atkinson and myself were the only ministers in attendance, at Hartselle, and no churches were represented except Hartselle, and only very few of her members were present.

At Enon we had Bros. Gunn, Briscoe, T. R. Bragg and E. D. Stephenson. Danville, Shady Grove, Pleasant Hill, Enon and Pleasant Grove churches were represented.



At Hillsboro we had Bros. J. M. Roberts, J. W. Sandlin and Richard Norwood. East Decatur, Mount Pleasant church and Hillsboro church were all that were represented.

At the other meetings most of the churches were represented. I think such meetings, if attended, will accomplish much good, if properly managed. I find that our people need religious literature, and Baptist literature especially. The Association ought to continue the campaign of education. This is what my work has, in part, been, during the four months I have been engaged.

I assisted in re-organizing Mount Pleasant church, which had gone down and had had no meetings for several years. She will represent herself by delegates again in this Association. Her former house of worship is so much out of repair that the church has decided to sell the brick and build them a frame house of worship. The church will ask the Executive Board to assist her in sustaining a pastor until she can get in a condition to be self-supporting. I am of the opinion that it will be a wise thing to aid this church, and also others in the Tennessee Valley. From Decatur to Tuscumbia, a distance of 43 miles, we have only three Baptist churches south of the railroad, and these three are weak, struggling bodies. If we put a good man in that field and help the churches to sustain him—let him give his whole time to the work,—we may reasonably expect that these churches will be strengthened and grow to be self-sustaining.

We must not let these interests languish and die. One hundred dollars appropriated to sustain a pastor who will preach to these three churches—Mount Pleasant, Mission Grove and Mount Stanley—will enable them to keep up regular preaching. They doubtless can pay \$150.

The great need we have now is to arouse the missionary spirit among our people. Courtland is a point that ought to be cultivated. There is some evidence of a little life there. We have a few more Baptists in the place, but just now, from the lights before me, I would not advise the organization of a church. If we had some preaching place there, we might be able to organize a church after awhile.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD

Bro. Briscoe was allowed further time to prepare his report.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Clerk read a series of resolutions adopted at the Fifth Sundry Meeting held at Harmony church, in August last, and ordered to be sent to this Association as a suggestion. These resolutions relate to the re-districting of the Association.

On motion to adopt the plan suggested, remarks were made by Bros. Shackelford, T. R. Bragg, Ivie, W. W. Nesmith, M. Briscoe and Cobbs, after which the subject was postponed, on motion of Bro. Ivie, until to-morrow morning, immediately after the devotional exercises.

Elder Richard Norwood was permitted to present the needs of a Baptist church house at Courtland.

#### MESSENGERS TO OTHER BODIES.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers to the bodies with which we correspond:

Liberty Association—W. T. Cobbs, Jos. Shackelford and J. M. Roberts.  
 Big Bear Creek Association—J. W. Sandlin, J. S. Gibson, J. W. Horton and A. J. Thames.  
 Cullman Association—Jos. Shackelford and M. Briscoe.  
 Florence Association—E. Evans, A. J. Ivie and J. S. Gibson.  
 Alabama Baptist State Convention—R. T. Wear, J. M. Sandlin, E. S. Atkinson, Jos. Shackelford, J. M. Roberts, A. J. Thames, M. Briscoe, J. I. Stockton, R. P. McPherson and A. L. Moody.

Southern Baptist Convention—E. S. Atkinson; Jos. Shackelford, alternate.  
The Treasurer's report was called for. He asked for further time, which was granted.

#### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report of this Board was read, also the report of the Treasurer of the Board, and, on motion, they were adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

##### *To the Muscle Shoals Association:*

DEAR BRETHREN: The first meeting of your Board for the past association year was held at Danville on Oct. 12th, 1895. The members present were Bros. J. G. Orr, President; Jos. Shackelford, Secretary and Treasurer; Jesse Wallace and Jos. Sandlin,—a quorum. The Secretary reported that the pledges at your last session for Ministerial Education amounted to \$131.75, and, the old pledges paid in, would raise the amount to over \$150.00.

Bro. T. H. Johnson had been received as a beneficiary previous to the meeting of the Association, and at this meeting the Board had an application from Bro. R. L. Quinn for aid. He was a licentiate belonging to Mount Nebo church, Franklin county. He was highly recommended by brethren who knew him as a promising young man. On motion, it was agreed to help Bros. Johnson and Quinn to the amount of \$75.00 each, trusting that all the pledges would be redeemed. These two young men have attended the Danville School during the last session, and made commendable progress. Bro. Johnson graduated, and is now employed as an assistant in the School. Bro. Quinn has entered the School during the present session.

The practice of the Board has been to give assistance to young ministers for two years; after the two years we expect them to work their own way. We think it advisable that Bro. Quinn should be assisted another year. He is a good student, and gives promise of making a useful minister.

The Board has one other application for aid, and we know of two other brethren who expect to apply for aid to help them attend the Danville School. We are unable to take any action until the funds for helping them appear in sight.

It will take at least \$225.00 to enable us to help three young men. Will the churches give it to us? We trust the Association will make an earnest effort to raise the amount suggested. It is proper for us to say that churches and individuals who pledge to this fund should strive to pay their pledges, or part of them, as soon as possible, as the money will be needed to pay board at the end of every month.

Accompanying this report is the report of the Treasurer, which was read and approved by the Board at a meeting held Sept. 6th, 1896. This will show the amount of receipts and expenditures of the Board for the year. It will also show that nearly all the pledges have been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. SHACKELFORD,  
Secretary.  
Danville, Ala., Sept. 30th, 1896.

J. G. ORR,  
President.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Treasurer, *In account with the Board of Ministerial Education.*

|       |     |                                               |       |
|-------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1895. |     |                                               |       |
| Oct.  | 8.  | To cash from Rocky Creek church.....          | \$ 50 |
|       |     | Blue Spring church.....                       | 4 45  |
|       | 19. | W. D. Irwin, Treas. of Ass'n, Ed. F.....      | 54 55 |
| Dec.  | 6.  | First church, New Decatur, per Briscoe.....   | 12 88 |
|       | 22. | Tuscumbia church.....                         | 4 86  |
| 1896. |     |                                               |       |
| Feb.  | 5.  | Danville church.....                          | 1 80  |
|       |     | Blue Spring church.....                       | 2 75  |
|       |     | Central chnrch, Decatur.....                  | 5 00  |
|       | 18. | Monnt Pisgah church.....                      | 2 00  |
|       |     | Wm. East, Mount Nebo church, Franklin Co..... | 10 00 |
|       | 22. | Enon church.....                              | 1 45  |
|       | 24. | Moulton church.....                           | 3 85  |
|       | 28. | W. D. Irwin, Hartselle, S. S. last year.....  | 5 00  |
| Mar.  | 4.  | Russellville church.....                      | 5 40  |
|       | 7.  | D. F. Green.....                              | 1 00  |
|       | 24. | Town Creek church.....                        | 5 00  |
|       |     | Monnt Hope church.....                        | 5 00  |
|       |     | R. T. Wear.....                               | 5 00  |
|       |     | Cherry Hill church.....                       | 2 00  |
|       |     | Pleasant Hill church.....                     | 1 60  |
|       | 31. | Central Grove.....                            | 2 00  |
| May   | 29. | Moulton Sunday School.....                    | 5 00  |
|       |     | Moulton church.....                           | 1 35  |
| June  | 22. | Okolona.....                                  | 2 00  |
|       |     | Prospect church.....                          | 1 00  |
|       |     | Daniel Orr.....                               | 5 00  |
|       | 27. | Bethel chnrch, Colbert county.....            | 2 00  |
| Sept. | 6.  | Pleasant Hill church, per J. G. Orr.....      | 45    |

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## COTREA.

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| 1895. |     |                                               |         |
| Oct.  | 8.  | By amount paid Bro. Briscoe on last year..... | \$ 4 85 |
|       | 22. | Bro. Briscoe on last year.....                | 10 00   |
|       | 23. | T. H. Johnson.....                            | 10 00   |
| Nov.  | 4.  | T. H. Johnson.....                            | 1 63    |
|       |     | Bro. Briscoe.....                             | 1 63    |
|       | 8.  | Bro. Quinn.....                               | 8 00    |
| Dec.  | 6.  | Bro. Quinn.....                               | 8 00    |
|       |     | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 10 00   |
|       |     | Bro. Briscoe.....                             | 12 88   |
| 1896. |     |                                               |         |
| Jan.  | 12. | Bro. Quinn, board.....                        | 8 00    |
|       | 24. | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 5 00    |
| Feb.  | 4.  | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 5 00    |
|       | 5.  | Bro. Briscoe.....                             | 2 75    |
|       | 18. | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 2 00    |
|       |     | Bro. Quinn, board.....                        | 8 00    |
|       | 22. | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 3 25    |
| Mar.  | 7.  | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 6 00    |
|       | 24. | Bro. Quinn, board.....                        | 8 00    |
|       | 31. | Bro. Johnson, Center Grove church.....        | 2 00    |
|       |     | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 3 00    |
| Apr.  | 30. | Bro. Johnson.....                             | 5 00    |
| May   | 2.  | Bro. Quinn, cash.....                         | 7 50    |
|       |     | Bro. Quinn, board.....                        | 4 30    |
|       | 29. | Bro. Quinn, board.....                        | 6 35    |

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| June 22. | By amount paid Bro. Quinn, board..... | 4 00           |
| 27.      | Bro. Quinn, board.....                | 5 00           |
| Sept.    | Bro. Quinn, board.....                | 1 19           |
|          | For Postage.....                      | 56             |
|          |                                       | <hr/> \$153 99 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD,  
Treasurer.

Danville, Ala., Sept. 30, 1896.

On motion, adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Bro. Albert Briscoe.

During the proceedings of the morning, Bro. J. I. Stockton presided, at the request of the Moderator, who was called away to attend a burial service.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Roberts.

Called for delayed letters from churches, when the following were read and names of delegates enrolled:

Mount Nebo (M.)—D. W. Sherril, J. R. Witt and J. C. Rockett.  
Hillsboro—W. R. Aycock.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator called for reports of the Standing Committees on Missions, which were read in the following order:

On State Missions—by Bro. T. R. Bragg.  
On Foreign Missions—by Bro. J. Gunn.  
On Home Missions—by Bro. W. T. Cobbs.  
On Associational Missions—by Bro. R. L. Quinn.

The whole subject of Missions was then discussed by brethren J. Gunn, J. W. Sandlin, J. M. Roberts and Jos. Shackelford. The latter, at the request of the Moderator, took pledges for Missions from the churches and individuals:

#### PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS FROM CHURCHES.

|                                  |          |                             |         |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Bethel (C.), Pd \$5.00 F. C..... | \$ 15 00 | Bethel (M.), Pd F. C.....   | \$ 6 00 |
| Central, New Decatur .....       | 30 00    | Center Grove.....           | 5 00    |
| Cherry Hill .....                | 5 00     | Hillsboro .....             | 15 00   |
| Hartselle .....                  | 51 00    | Mt. Zion (M.), Pd F. C..... | 5 00    |
| Mt. Nebo (F.) .....              | 20 00    | Mt. Pisgah .....            | 12 00   |
| New Prospect .....               | 5 00     | Okolona .....               | 10 00   |
| Russellville.....                | 10 00    | Sheffield .....             | 10 00   |
| Somerville .....                 | 10 00    | Shady Grove.....            | 5 00    |
| Tuscumbia .....                  | 30 00    | Trinity, Pd F. C.....       | 8 40    |
| Decatur, First.....              | 20 00    | Danville .....              | 50 00   |
| Enon.....                        | 15 00    | Friendship.....             | 3 00    |
| Gum Spring (L.).....             | 5 00     | Gum Spring, Pd F. C.....    | 5 50    |
| Hopewell .....                   | 10 00    | Macedonia (F.).....         | 16 00   |
| Macedonia (M.), Pd F. C.....     | 4 00     | Lebanon .....               | 5 00    |
| Mt. Nebo (M.).....               | 5 00     | Mt. Zion (L.).....          | 10 00   |
| New Hope, Pd F. C.....           | 2 75     | Moulton .....               | 20 00   |
| Rocky Creek.....                 | 5 00     | Pleasant Grove.....         | 5 00    |
| Pleasant Hill .....              | 5 00     | Salem .....                 | 5 00    |
| Town Creek .....                 | 20 00    | Siloam .....                | 3 00    |
| New Decatur, First.....          | 65 00    | Liberty .....               | 5 00    |
| Moulton S. S. ....               | 5 00     | Tuscumbia S. S. ....        | 10 00   |
| Central, N. D., S. S. ....       | 5 00     | Russellville S. S. ....     | 5 00    |
| Town Creek S. S. ....            | 2 50     | Danville S. S. ....         | 5 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant.....                | 5 00     | Mt. Stanley.....            | 5 00    |
|                                  |          | Mt. Hope.....               | 26 00   |

\$350 25

\$248 90

Total from churches and Sunday Schools .....\$599 15

## INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

(Made on the suggestion of Bro. J. C. Vincent.)

|                                             |         |                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| W. L. Hall.....                             | \$ 2 50 | A. L. Moody .....   | \$ 5 00  |
| J. C. Vincent.....                          | 5 00    | J. W. Sandlin.....  | 5 00     |
| Jos. Shackelford .....                      | 5 00    | M. Briscoe .....    | 5 00     |
| A. J. Thames.....                           | 5 00    | J. M. Roberts ..... | 5 00     |
| Lucian Wear .....                           | 2 50    | J. S. Richey .....  | 2 50     |
| J. M. Orman .....                           | 2 50    | Peter Clay.....     | 2 50     |
| R. T. Ryland.....                           | 2 50    | Luther Wear.....    | 2 50     |
| W. C. Cowan.....                            | 2 50    | J. S. Gibson.....   | 2 50     |
| J. P. Masterson.....                        | 2 50    | E. Utter.....       | 2 50     |
|                                             |         | W. M. Roan.....     | 1 00     |
|                                             | <hr/>   |                     |          |
|                                             | \$30 00 |                     | \$33 50  |
| Total individual pledges.....               |         |                     | \$ 63 50 |
| Total from churches and Sunday Schools..... |         |                     | 599 15   |
|                                             |         |                     | <hr/>    |
|                                             |         |                     | \$622 65 |
| Cash collections .....                      |         |                     | 8 98     |
|                                             |         |                     | <hr/>    |
| Total for Missions .....                    |         |                     | \$671 63 |

After the collections the various reports were adopted, as follows:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We learn from the Foreign Mission Board that the work of the missionaries has been greatly blessed by God the last year; 735 have been baptized on the fields, which is, by far, the largest number in the history of our work.

We have missionaries in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Africa, China and Japan. The foreign field is very large, embracing about two-thirds of the populated world. We have in those fields 98 churches, 128 out stations, 88 male missionaries, 48 female missionaries; native assistants ordained, 34; unordained assistants, males, 67; females, 8. Increase by baptism, 735; by letter, 109; by restoration, 14; total increase, 858. Decreased by death, 34; by letter, 120; by exclusion, 143; total decrease, 297. Present membership, 4,295. Number of Sunday School scholars, 1,713; houses of worship, 30; day schools, 31; scholars, 851. Contributions to Missions, \$5,553.20. This amount shows their liberality.

The Southern Baptist Convention received last year \$102,056.15, and expended \$105,118.90,—therefore the income was not equal to the outlay. The board reports a debt of \$26,092.89. This is a heavy debt and we should use some means to liquidate it, and make our annual income equal to our expenditures. Brethren, what can we do? There is a demand upon us to do all in our power. Look at the facts in the case. First, the world is lost; not merely may be, or will be, lost, but is now lost—lost by the fall!

Therefore Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He sought, prayed, wept and preached, suffered and died, to save the lost. He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. The world was dead in trespasses and sin. The Holy Spirit quickens and makes alive.—Eph. 2:1. The command of the Savior was, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them." These nations are untaught. It is our privilege and duty to God and man to preach the gospel to every creature. By their condition and environment they are saying, "Come over and help us." Secondly: Can we help them? Let us see. There are in the Muscle Shoals Association some 3,000 members. If we could give \$1.00 a member, then we would have \$3,000.00. Can we not do this? Is any one so poor that \$1.00 would affect his or her living? Jesus gave his life for us, now let us give \$1.00 of our living for his cause. In this way we comply with the Word of God which says, "Give as the Lord has prospered you;" "Give and it shall be given unto you."

Now, if we should give the \$3,000.00, we would have \$750.00 for each of the four Boards we are trying to sustain. This amount, judiciously expended, would result in much good to the cause.

We should remember that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness there-

of, the world and they that dwell therein."—Ps. 24:1. We are only stewards here below. God designs that we shall improve the talents he has entrusted to us for his glory. Therefore we should give our time, talent and money, and humbly pray the Lord that the effort made for the salvation of the world may be blessed by Him for the accomplishment of the desired end. Then we can look forward to the glorious time when it will be said, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of Jesus Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."—Rev. 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GUNN.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report:

It is gratifying to us to know that the efforts of the Home Board have not been in vain, but God has graciously blessed their efforts during the last conventional year. Notwithstanding the great opposition that our missionaries have had to contend with, yet, under God, they have been enabled to lead many precious souls to Christ, as the statistics of the last conventional year will show,—setting forth facts that should be encouraging to us, showing that there has not been a more prosperous year's work in the history of the Home Board.

Work of last year: missionaries employed, 411; weeks of labor, 12 329; churches and stations, 1,626; sermons and addresses, 58,041; prayer meetings, 9,622; baptisms, 5,617; received by letter, 6,672; total additions, 13,295; Sunday schools organized, 372; teachers and pupils, 12,635; religious visits, 61 468; churches constituted, 207; houses of worship built, 92; houses of worship improved, 146; amount expended on houses of worship, \$36 209 00; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 2,595; tracts distributed, pages, 726,675.

With these facts before us, we are encouraged to say to this Association: Dear brethren, let us stand by our Home Board with our prayers and with our means—that we are co-laborers together with them in the salvation of the lost. Owing to the fearful drouth that has prevailed in the territory, unless our Home Board can be sustained, so as to aid on that field, a number of our missionaries will have to abandon their work there. Again, the great war that has been going on in Cuba calls upon us to renew our energies and our contributions in this field. Brethren, let us attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. COBBES,  
Chairman.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSION BOARD.

Your Committee on State Missions, in submitting this, our report, beg to call attention to the importance of the work of the State Mission Board. All our work as a denomination in securing means to advance the Mission cause, in State, Home and Foreign fields, together with the Colportage work and Ministerial Education, comes under the supervision of the State Board. Thus we find the Board engaged in missionary pastoral work, missionary evangelical work, colportage, ministerial, institute and educational work, etc. With this vast amount of labor upon the Board, we cannot urge too strongly a liberal support of this Board. Let everyone, in the fear of God and love for His cause, sustain this worthy agent in the Mission cause.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. BRAGG,  
M. BRISCOE.

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following report: Notwithstanding the fact that we have had brethren Shackelford and Briscoe's labors as missionaries during the past year, there is a great deal of work still to be done in this line. Many destitute places and quite a large number of weak churches, which need to be developed in the various interests of our denomination. Therefore, we recommend the continuation of at least one missionary colporter within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. QUINN.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Quinn.

## THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, Oct. 3, 1896, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Elder J. E. Weaver, after which the Association proceeded to business.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and, after some corrections, were approved.

The special order for this hour being the resolutions of the District Meeting at Harmony, they were taken up. Bro. Ivie made some remarks and made a motion that authority be given to the Moderator and Clerk to give letters to churches that wished to be dismissed from the Association. This motion was laid on the table. The resolutions, on motion, were again read, and, after a speech from Bro. T. R. Bragg, explaining his position on the question of dividing the Association, on motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

## EDUCATION.

The subject of Education was then taken up, and the report on Education was read by Bro. D. F. Green.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. Jos. Shackelford.

The subject of Education was then discussed by Bros. J. Gunn, D. F. Green, Wm. East, J. C. Vincent, R. T. Wear, J. M. Roberts and Albert Briscoe, after which pledges were taken up for Ministerial Education by Bro. Jos. Shackelford, as follows:

PLEDGES FROM CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR  
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

|                               |         |                                 |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Bethel (C.).....              | \$ 2 00 | Bethany .....                   | \$ 2 50 |
| Bethel (M.).....              | 2 50    | Blue Spring... ..               | 5 00    |
| Central, N. D., S. S.....     | 5 00    | Center Grove.. ..               | 2 50    |
| Cherry Hill .....             | 2 00    | Danville .....                  | 10 00   |
| Decatur, First .....          | 5 00    | Enon .....                      | 2 50    |
| Friendship .....              | 1 00    | Falkville.....                  | 2 50    |
| Gum Spring (M.), by W.M. Roan | 1 50    | Harmony .....                   | 1 00    |
| Hillsboro .....               | 5 00    | Hopewell .....                  | 5 00    |
| Hartselle.....                | 5 00    | Macedonia (F.), Paid 50 cents.. | 2 00    |
| Macedonia (M.).....           | 1 00    | Mt. Zion (L.) .....             | 2 00    |
| Mt. Nebo (F.).....            | 10 00   | Mt. Nebo (M.).....              | 2 50    |
| Mt. Hope.....                 | 5 00    | Moulton .....                   | 10 00   |
| Mt. Pisgah, Paid .....        | 2 00    | Moulton S. S.....               | 5 00    |
| Mt. Stanley.....              | 2 00    | New Prospect .....              | 1 00    |
| New Decatur, First.....       | 10 00   | Okolona.....                    | 3 00    |
| Russellville .....            | 5 00    | Rocky Creek .....               | 5 00    |
| Sheffield .....               | 5 00    | Somerville .....                | 2 50    |
| Pleasant Hill.....            | 2 00    | Shady Grove .....               | 1 00    |
| Tuscombina .....              | 10 00   | Town Creek.....                 | 10 00   |
| Trinity.....                  | 2 50    | Liberty .....                   | 2 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant .....            | 3 00    | Town Creek S. S.....            | 2 50    |
| Russellville S. S.....        | 2 00    | Okolona S. S .....              | 2 00    |
|                               | \$88 50 |                                 | \$81 50 |
|                               |         |                                 | 88 50   |

Total from churches.....\$170 00

## INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES AND COLLECTIONS.

|                           |         |                                 |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| M. Briscoe .....          | \$ 5 00 | W. J. Young.....                | \$ 2 00 |
| J. W. Sandlin.....        | 10 00   | Almira Nicholson.....           | 50      |
| A. L. Moody, Paid .....   | 5 00    | Mrs. E. J. Tuhhs.....           | 25      |
| J. C. Vincent, Paid ..... | 7 50    | Mrs. Eaton Jemison.....         | 25      |
| A. J. Thames, Paid.....   | 1 00    | Mrs. Tenny Masterson.....       | 50      |
| J. C. Tubbs.....          | 1 00    | Mrs. Emily Bynum.....           | 1 00    |
| E. S. Atkinson.....       | 2 50    | George Jackson, Paid.....       | 5 00    |
| J. P. Henderson.....      | 2 50    | Public collection.....          | 5 64    |
| T. H. Johnson.....        | 5 00    | Mrs. M. C. Masterson, Paid..... | 1 00    |
| R. Norwood.....           | 5 00    | Mrs. S. A. Norwood.....         | 25      |
| W. L. Hall.....           | 2 50    | Mrs. E. M. Sandlin.....         | 1 00    |
| W. T. Cobbs, Paid .....   | 1 00    | Mrs. Ninney Wear.....           | 50      |
| J. R. Blackman.....       | 1 00    | Mrs. Harvey McManahan.....      | 50      |
| W. S. Muston.....         | 1 00    | Mrs. E. P. Robinson.....        | 50      |
| Emmet Tubbs.....          | 1 00    | Mrs. Alice Henley.....          | 25      |
| W. M. Jolly, Paid.....    | 1 00    | Mr. Forney Steenson.....        | 5 00    |
| \$53 00                   |         | \$24 14                         |         |
|                           |         | 53 00                           |         |

Total from individuals and collections.....\$77 14  
 Total from churches and Sunday Schools.....170 00

Total for Ministerial Education.....\$247 14

The reports on Education were then adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to report that there seems to be more interest manifested in education than heretofore, especially in certain communities within our Association. But the awakening is not general enough. We wish to urge upon our people the great necessity of a Christian education. Many of our school rooms are filled with ungodly men. This should not be. If our children are trained under men who care not for Christ and his kingdom, how can we expect our boys and girls to make God fearing and God loving men and women?

Your committee would urge upon each church to remember our denominational schools. Each church ought to feel duty bound to use its influence to get boys and girls to attend these schools. Our school at Danville offers as good advantages as you can get anywhere for the money, if not better. The Howard and Judson afford best advantages, we believe, for those who wish a more extended course. So let our people rally to the support of these schools. If Baptists do not, who will? Let us not let our schools go down because of our neglect, but let us send our boys and girls in, and God will bless us and them, and we shall rejoice in the fact that our children are strengthened in the Baptist faith—the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

D. F. GREEN,  
 J. N. JACKSON,  
 J. G. ORR,  
 Committee.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This subject has claimed the attention of this Association for many years, and we are glad to know that many of our brethren and churches have appreciated the importance and necessity of an educated ministry, and have shown their appreciation by their liberal contributions. The necessity of educating our ministers is as great now, if not greater, than ever. The masses are being better educated, owing to the multiplication of good schools among our people, and hence the necessity of our ministers being better educated to keep ahead of the people. A man who is called of God



to preach His gospel can do a great deal of good, though he may not possess the advantages of a good education; but he can do a great deal more good if he is educated. As God's people, we must make use of all legitimate means to advance the cause of our Master. If fitting and preparing a man to preach the gospel more successfully can be done by educating him, we should educate him, if he is not able to educate himself. The duty of maintaining an efficient ministry is laid upon the churches. To make our ministers we must give them an education or help them to get it.

This is only another phase of the mission work. We as truly manifest the missionary spirit by assisting a man called of God to preach the gospel by assisting him to better prepare himself for that work, as we do in helping him to preach as a missionary after he is prepared. All of God's ministers are missionaries. They are sent of God to call sinners to repentance and tell the glad tidings of salvation to a lost soul. While our uneducated ministers, who are called of God, are doing a good work and have done a good work, we would not underrate what our denomination owes to these faithful, self-sacrificing servants of God, yet they, themselves, recognize the necessity of being better prepared for their work. Many of them had not the opportunities of securing an education as we have now. It was not in their power. They see the importance of having educated men to combat the hosts of errors that are so prevalent. In these times it is different. The facilities of securing an education are within the reach of nearly all young men who are entering the ministry. And if they are not, it is the duty of the churches to put them within their reach. By a little help from all our churches in this Association we can put it in the power of three young men every year to secure a partial education, and so assist them that they can be able to finish their education by their own exertion. The young man who feels that God has called him to preach the gospel should not rest satisfied until he receives an education that will enable him to be a more efficient worker in the vineyard of the Lord. We trust that this Association will continue the good work which she has been doing for many years in furnishing such aid to worthy and promising young men who are called of God to preach the gospel as will enable them to secure a partial education, so that they can, by their own exertions, finish the work which we have helped them to commence.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. SHACKELFORD,  
Chairman.

#### ORPHANS' HOME.

The report on the Orphans' Home, at Evergreen, was read by Bro. J. C. Weaver, and was discussed by Bros. J. W. Sandlin, Albert Briscoe and A. J. Thames, after which it was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home would report the following:

By the faithful management of Elder J. W. Stewart, the Orphans' Home, at Evergreen, is doing a good work. Children are being protected and reared under moral and spiritual influences. Their nobler elements of character are developed, and they are fitted for usefulness and honor in this world and for glory in the world to come. We recommend that this noble work become a matter of prayerful consideration; that we remember it in our appropriations, holding up with our hands and embracing with our hearts the dear ones who are left on the cold charities of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WEAVER,  
Chairman.

Bro. Jos. Shackelford presented the claims of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Association, and urged the Sunday Schools to get their Sunday School literature from that Board through our State Mission Board, at Montgomery, Ala.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Bro. J. Gunn.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. J. D. McClanahan.

## REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Sunday, 9 a. m.—Sunday School Address by J. C. Weaver.

10:30 a. m.—Jos. Shackelford.

1 p. m.—A. J. Thames.

11 a. m.—at Colored church, J. D. McClanahan.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bro. W. D. Irwin, the Treasurer, made the following report:

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. D. IRWIN, *In Account with Muscle Shoals Association.*

1895.

|          |                                                         |             |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Oct. 7.  | To balance on hand .....                                | \$117 97    |
|          | Cash from Finance Committee .....                       | 343 00      |
|          | Interest on Jos. Shackelford note .....                 | 16 00       |
| 19.      | Cash from Finance Committee .....                       | 88 80       |
|          | Hillsboro church .....                                  | 10 00       |
|          | Rock Creek church .....                                 | 2 55        |
|          | Blue Spring church .....                                | 2 50        |
|          | Decatur church .....                                    | 50 00       |
|          | J. D. McClanahan .....                                  | 1 90        |
|          | W. T. Cobb .....                                        | 6 55        |
| Dec. 16. | T. W. Lynch note .....                                  | 45 00       |
| 1896.    |                                                         |             |
| Mar. 6.  | T. W. Lynch note .....                                  | 10 00       |
| Apr. 28. | Hillsboro church .....                                  | 4 65        |
| July 1.  | Enon church .....                                       | 2 45        |
|          | Town Creek church .....                                 | 1 88        |
|          | Bethel church (M.) .....                                | 1 00        |
|          | F. C. Owen bequest .....                                | 20 00       |
| Oct. 1.  | Somerville church, F. M. ....                           | 5 09        |
|          | Hillsboro church, F. M. ....                            | 2 00        |
|          | Harmony ch, F. M. \$1.70, H. M. \$1.78                  | 3 48        |
|          | Hopewell " " \$3.50, A. M. \$3.50                       | 7 00        |
|          | Danville church, A. M. ....                             | 9 15        |
|          | Salem church, F. M. ....                                | 1 00        |
|          | Brothers and sisters of Russellville church, F. M. .... | 85          |
|          | Bapt't Rally of Somerville ch, F. M                     | 4 50        |
|          | Hartselle church, F. M. ....                            | 99          |
|          | Enon church, F. M. ....                                 | 05          |
|          | Okolonach, F., S. & H. Boards .....                     | 3 45        |
|          | Mt. Nebo ch, F. M. \$2 00, S. M. \$2.00,                |             |
|          | H. M. \$2.20 .....                                      | 6 20        |
|          | Hillsboro church, F. M. ....                            | 2 50        |
|          | Trinity church, F. M. ....                              | 35—\$768 86 |

| 1895.    |                                          | Cr.      |        |
|----------|------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Oct. 7.  | By am't paid J. I. Stockton .....        | \$25 00  |        |
|          | T. W. Lynch, note.....                   | 74 85    |        |
| 8.       | J. W. Sandlin .....                      | 62 77    |        |
|          | A. E. Burns .....                        | 21 45    |        |
|          | Minutes .....                            | 50 00    |        |
|          | Clerk fees .....                         | 25 00    |        |
|          | Jos. Shackelford, Treas. Mis. Board...   | 56 55    |        |
|          | J. W. Sandlin .....                      | 50 00    |        |
|          | Foreign Mission Board.....               | 29 88    |        |
|          | Home Mission Board .....                 | 11 66    |        |
| Nov. 7.  | J. E. Rone.....                          | 20 00    |        |
|          | Marion Briscoe.....                      | 7 00     |        |
|          | W. T. Cobb.....                          | 10 00    |        |
|          | G. A. Rone.....                          | 6 65     |        |
|          | J. D. McClanahan.....                    | 1 90     |        |
| 1896.    |                                          |          |        |
| Feb. 29. | Ministerial Education Board.....         | 5 00     |        |
|          | J. Speer.....                            | 10 00    |        |
| Apr. 18. | Jos. Shackelford, for Bap't literat'e... | 5 00     |        |
| 28.      | Jos. Shackelford, on salary...           | 40 00    |        |
| July 1.  | Jos. Shackelford, on salary .....        | 45 33    |        |
|          | Marion Briscoe, salary.....              | 24 00    |        |
| Aug. 31. | Jos. Shackelford, on salary.....         | 20 00    |        |
| Sept. 1. | Marion Briscoe, on salary.....           | 10 00    |        |
| Oct. 1.  | Jos. Shackelford, on salary.....         | 39 68    |        |
|          | Marion Briscoe, on salary.....           | 4 93—    | 656 75 |
|          | Balance on hand.....                     | \$112 11 |        |

## NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin offered the following resolution, appointing the Executive Board and Treasurer, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed members of the Executive Board of this Association for the ensuing year, viz: O. D. Gibson, A. W. Bailey, W. D. Irwin, Dr. J. M. Kitchens, A. L. Moody, J. C. Tidwell, J. M. Sandlin, J. M. Shoemaker, H. B. Irwin, Dr. R. M. Simpson, J. G. Orr, Wm. East and G. W. Jackson; and that seven constitute a quorum; and that W. D. Irwin be the Treasurer of the Association.

## COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to report on time and place of meeting of the next Association, and the preacher of the Introductory Sermon:

W. T. Cobbs, J. D. McClanahan, W. M. Jolly, J. H. Butler, J. G. Bates and W. S. Johnson.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Report on Temperance was read by Bro. R. P. McPherson. On motion to adopt, it was discussed by Bros. M. Briscoe, J. M. Sandlin, J. S. Gibson, A. J. Ivie and Jos. Shackelford, after which it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There is no doubt that the question of intemperance is one of the most appalling to which the attention of the American people is directed. The corruption of youth, the disturbance of families, and the degradation of communities, and other evils too numerous to mention, are indisputable

facts; that the allies of intemperance are going about like a roaring lion seeking whom they may devour. In view of these facts we earnestly recommend that the ministers take a biblical and decided stand for temperance; that our churches prayerfully and carefully keep from their membership any who drink, sell or cause to be sold as a beverage anything that will intoxicate; that the Muscle Shoals Association give her undivided support to any movement that has for its object the tearing down of the strongholds of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD T. McPHERSON,  
Chairman.

#### COLPORTAGE.

Bro. E. S. Atkinson read the report on Colportage, which was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report on Colportage work:

This is a cause of paramount importance and demands the earnest and prayerful attention of all who have the cause of Christ and the upbuilding of his cause at heart. Colportage work is one of the ways by which the world is to be evangelized; and the way by which this work can be accomplished most successfully, is

The distribution of sacred literature among the people.

(1) The first of which is the Bible. There are many people who have no Bibles, and shall we who have opportunity of giving the word of God to our fellow-man withhold from him that which would prove to him the greatest blessing? for the "word of God is able to make them wise unto salvation."

(2) Then the circulation of Baptist literature and tracts on missions among the people. Many of the homes of the back districts of our country have nothing to read except some local newspaper, and some not even that; but you can find trashy novels that are poisoning their brain, and if good literature were distributed among such people at the expense of the Association it would be of lasting good. Many seed would be sown that would bring forth abundant harvests, and many places where now grow thorns and thistles would be transplanted by the sweetest flowers.

Again the past year's experience of our evangelists shows the importance of this work.

He has been faithful, he has done his duty and has distributed tracts and literature among those who were not able to buy them, and from his report we feel that much good has been accomplished. If he had gone into darker corners of the Association, we feel confident that much more good would have been accomplished.

(3) We hope that the Executive Committee will continue the Associational Evangelist and an assistant. We would suggest that our Evangelist go to the more destitute parts of the Association as often as he can; and that the Executive Committee expend sufficient funds to buy Bibles, tracts, etc., for the Evangelist, and that he give to those who are not able or willing to buy.

May the day soon come when not only the Muscle Shoals Association, but of all North Alabama where ignorance and vice now reigns shall be brought to Christ and laid a trophy at His blessed feet.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. ATKINSON.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. A. J. Thames, and after some remarks by Bro. M. Briscoe, it was adopted, as follows:

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Your committee on Sunday Schools would submit the following report:

Last year of the fifty-five churches, sixteen reported schools with a membership of 421. This year of the 56 churches, thirty-six report schools with a membership of 1219. Ten of the schools give no statistics. Five report a summer session. They go into "winter quarters." We suggest that real spirituality stands cold as well as heat and therefore it is best that it continue all the year. We would urge the officers to give full reports of their work so we can estimate our strength. We would recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn. We think where a denominational school can't be had that a union school should be organized. A union school is better than no school at all.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. THAMES.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Jos. Shackelford, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of C. G. Lynch, D. F. Green, E. S. Atkinson, J. C. Weaver and W. D. Irwin, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a Sunday School Convention within the bounds of this Association, and if they think necessary to call such a convention at such time and place as they may think proper.

## DIVISION OF FUNDS.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Association is hereby instructed to send what monies he may receive from the churches for Foreign, State and Home Missions directly to the State Mission Board, Montgomery, Ala., and in addition to the amounts which the churches have directed to be sent to these different Boards, and have already sent to them, the Treasurer is hereby instructed to send to the State Mission Board a sufficient sum to make the contribution from this Association amount to \$50 to the State Mission Board, \$50 to the Foreign Mission Board and \$50 to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta.

## CIRCULATION OF BAPTIST LITERATURE.

Bro. J. I. Stockton offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, there is a great need of purely Baptist literature among the members of our churches, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That a committee of three be appointed to take this matter into hand, and raise all the funds possible, and report to the next meeting of this body.

2d. That this fund shall be expended in the purchase of doctrinal tracts and turned over to the churches for free distribution among the members.

The Moderator appointed as the committee to carry this resolution into effect:

Bros. J. I. Stockton, T. R. Bragg and J. W. Sandlin.

## DECEASED MINISTERS.

Bro. J. I. Stockton read the report on Deceased Ministers as follows:

## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your committee to report on Deceased Ministers, report that on the 22nd of July, 1896, our much beloved brother, John Speer, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, leaving a devoted Christian wife and comparatively helpless family. Bro. Speer fell on the field at the early age of 39, just at the age when men ripen into the most useful period of life. He was a man full of zeal, and, being a close student, he had gathered more than a usual amount of knowledge of the Bible and literature. He was a man of the deepest convictions of what he believed to be the truth. As a pastor he was very successful, and as the appointee of our Associational and State Boards he did a great deal of hard and successful work for the cause of truth. But now, inasmuch as it has pleased God to take from our ministerial ranks our dear brother Speer, we humbly submit to the providence of our allwise, merciful and loving Father in Heaven.

J. I. STOCKTON,  
W. W. NESMITH,  
J. J. SANDLIN,  
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Stockton, 15 minutes were spent in memorial services of Elder John Speer.

Elder Jos. Shackelford made some remarks concerning Bro. Speer, after which Elder R. T. Wear led in prayer.

A collection was then taken up for the benefit of Bro. Speer's family, amounting to \$18.50, which was handed over to Bro. J. I. Stockton to be conveyed to Sister Speer.

## DOCUMENTS.

Bro. J. E. Weaver read the report of the Committee on Documents, which was adopted, as follows:

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We, your Committee on Documents, report as follows:

We find 52 letters from the churches. These letters report 36 Sabbath Schools and 11 prayer meetings, regularly kept up. Five churches ask for the next meeting of the Association, viz: Mount Zion, in Lawrence, Trinity, Central in New Decatur, Hartselle and Falkville. New Friendship and New Center ask for aid to help them build houses of worship. Mount Pleasant asks for aid for pastoral support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WEAVER,  
J. D. McCLANAHAN,  
PETER CLAY,  
Committee.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the delegates of Muscle Shoals Association, tender our thanks to Town Creek church and the people of the vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst.

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Days employed, 36; number of sermons preached, 21; addresses, 2; visits, 30; miles traveled, 325; salary, \$24.

For July: Number of days employed, 15; sermons preached, 25; addresses, 3; visits made, 24; miles traveled, 300; amount advanced by Treasurer, \$—.

A great deal of my time during the months of July and August was employed in revival meetings. This, when engaged by the church, I have not considered, and therefore have not charged the Board with it in my report.

Total number of days employed, 71; sermons preached, 59; addresses made, 7; visits made, 75; miles traveled, 875; amount due, \$47.00; amount received from Treasurer, \$38.93; balance due, \$8.07.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 3, 1896.

MARION BRISCOE.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Bro. A. L. Moody made the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted, with instruction to the Clerk to make such changes as were necessary. (See table on page 23.)

#### CLERK'S FEE AND NUMBER OF MINUTES.

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Resolved, That the Clerk have one thousand copies of the minutes printed, and superintend the distribution of the same; and that he be paid \$25 for his services, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay for the printing of the minutes and Clerk's fee.

#### TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Bro. J. D. McClanahan made the report of the Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting, as follows:

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting of the Association report as follows:

Place, Hartselle, Ala.; time, Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1897; preacher of introductory sermon, R. P. McPherson; alternate, A. J. Thames.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on State of Religion reported as follows, and it was adopted:

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We have no way of ascertaining the spiritual condition of our churches, but from the reading of the letters from them we learn that there has been some revival of the spiritual condition of most of the churches in our Association, and many have been converted and brought into the fold of Christ.

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Bro. Luther Wear was granted permission to present the needs of the Okolona church, and to ask for contributions to help it build a house. He received some contributions.

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 Temperance—A. J. Thames, J. H. Hembree and Peter Clay.  
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(The Chairmen of these Committees are expected to prepare their reports and present them to the next Association, after consultation with other members of their Committees; and if they shall be unable to do so, they will call on some member of their Committee to do so.—CLERK.)

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Jos. SHACKELFORD,

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Clerk.

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MODERATOR.

## APPENDIX.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The following report was read on Sunday to the Sunday School Meeting by the Committee appointed by the Association to take into consideration the propriety of having a Sunday School Convention of the Sunday Schools of the churches of this Association. It was thought best to have the same published in the minutes as an appendix, so that the churches might act in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee:

We, the Committee to which the Association has referred the subject of a Sabbath School Convention, express our opinion in the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, as a Committee on Sabbath Schools, we elect a President and Secretary and Treasurer.

2. That our officers put this Committee in direct touch and sympathy with every church and Sabbath School in the Association.

3. That we ask a full and complete report at the end of each quarter, to be made to our Secretary.

4. That we ask each church to send at least one of its active Sunday School workers as a delegate to the Association.

5. That the Association be requested to give at least one-half of one day to the Sunday School question.

6. That our officers make a full report of what we have done, and may do, to the next Association.

7. That our officers shall assign to some of our best Sunday School workers some live questions on which to read a paper or otherwise discuss at our next Association.

8. That we ask each minister to see that a Sunday School is organized in his church or churches, and, if no one else will conduct it, that he do so himself, on the days of his regular preaching.

C. G. LYNCH,  
Secretary.

D. F. GREEN,  
President.

## NOTE OF THE CLERK.

I send with the minutes to each church two blank church letters to the Association. These letters are to be used by the Clerks of the churches in making out their letters to the Association. I trust the Clerks of churches will preserve these blanks and use them when they prepare their letters for the next Association. If you have a Sunday School and regular prayer meeting, state it, and give full statistics of your Sunday School.

It is desirable that each church send up a minute fund. Some do not state in the letters how much minute fund is sent up. The minute money sent up this year is not sufficient to pay for the printing of the minutes. We need at least \$45, and sometimes more, to pay for printing minutes and postage.

CLERK.

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, MUSCLE SHOALS ASSO- CIATION, 1896.

| CHURCHES.            | COUNTY.  | Home Mis-<br>sion—Voucher. | Home Mis-<br>sion—Cash. | Foreign Mis-<br>sion—<br>Voucher. | Foreign Mis-<br>sion—<br>Cash. | State Mis-<br>sion—<br>Voucher. | State Mis-<br>sion—Cash. | Ministerial Edu-<br>cation—Voucher. | Ministerial Edu-<br>cation—Cash. | Orphan's Home—<br>Voucher. | Orphan's Home—<br>Cash. | Minutes..... |
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| Bethel.....          | Colbert  | \$ 3 15                    | \$ 6 85                 |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | \$ 2 00                             |                                  |                            |                         | \$ 75        |
| Bethel.....          | Morgan   | 1 00                       | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Bethany.....         | Lawrence |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 75           |
| Blue Springs.....    | Morgan   |                            | 1 70                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 7 20                                | 2 80                             |                            |                         |              |
| Cave Springs.....    | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Central, N Decatur   | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Centre Grove.....    | Morgan   |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 2 00                                |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Cherry Hill.....     | Franklin |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Danville.....        | Morgan   | 5 00                       | 25 00                   | 7 65                              |                                | 5 00                            |                          | 5 00                                |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Decatur, 1st Ch..... | Morgan   |                            |                         | 10 00                             |                                |                                 | 5 00                     | 5 00                                | 5 00                             |                            |                         | 75           |
| Enon.....            | Lawrence |                            | 11 75                   | 2 45                              |                                |                                 |                          | 1 45                                |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Friendship.....      | Lawrence |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Falkville.....       | Morgan   |                            | 3 41                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Furnace Hill.....    | Colbert  |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Gum Springs.....     | Lawrence |                            | 1 25                    |                                   |                                |                                 | 1 60                     |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Gum Springs.....     | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   | 5 50                           |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 50         |
| Harmony.....         | Lawrence | 2 59                       | 6 26                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Hillsboro.....       | Lawrence | 4 65                       | 10 35                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     | 2 15                             |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Hopewell.....        | Morgan   | 7 00                       | 3 25                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 25         |
| Hartselle.....       | Morgan   |                            | 3 15                    |                                   |                                |                                 | 12 75                    |                                     |                                  |                            | 3 50                    |              |
| Isbell.....          | Franklin |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Lebanon.....         | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Macedonia.....       | Franklin |                            | 14 95                   |                                   |                                | 3 55                            |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Macedonia.....       | Morgan   |                            | 2 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 | 2 00                     |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 25           |
| Mt Zion.....         | Morgan   |                            | 2 50                    |                                   | 2 50                           |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 77           |
| Mt Zion.....         | Lawrence |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 10 00                               |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Mt Nebo.....         | Franklin |                            | 20 00                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Mt Nebo.....         | Morgan   |                            | 6 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     | 2 50                             |                            |                         |              |
| Mt Hope.....         | Lawrence |                            | 20 00                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Mission Grove.....   | Lawrence |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Moulton.....         | Lawrence |                            | 20 00                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 10 00                               | 5 00                             | 3 00                       |                         | 1 00         |
| Mt Pisgah.....       | Morgan   |                            | 12 00                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 2 00                                |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| New Hope.....        | Lawrence |                            | 2 75                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Mt Stanley.....      | Lawrence |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| New Prospect.....    | Lawrence |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 1 00                                | 1 00                             |                            |                         |              |
| New Friendship.....  | Morgan   |                            | 1 15                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| New Centre.....      | Morgan   |                            | 50                      |                                   | 50                             |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| New Decatur, 1st Ch  | Morgan   |                            | 9 39                    | 15 57                             | 27 97                          |                                 |                          | 12 88                               |                                  | 9 20                       |                         | 1 50         |
| Okolona.....         | Lawrence |                            | 5 00                    |                                   | 5 00                           |                                 |                          | 2 00                                |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Pleasant Grove.....  | Lawrence |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 10         |
| Prospect.....        | Lawrence |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Russellville.....    | Franklin |                            | 15 00                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 5 00                                |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Rocky Creek.....     | Morgan   |                            | 2 45                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Sheffield.....       | Colbert  |                            | 6 25                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Salem.....           | Lawrence | 1 00                       | 2 40                    | 1 55                              |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Shoal Creek.....     | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Somerville.....      | Morgan   | 5 09                       |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     | 1 20                             |                            |                         |              |
| Pleasant Hill.....   | Morgan   |                            | 5 00                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Shady Grove.....     | Morgan   | 1 70                       | 2 75                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Siloam.....          | Franklin |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 75           |
| Tuscumbia.....       | Colbert  | 5 00                       | 12 25                   |                                   |                                | 15 00                           |                          | 4 86                                | 7 64                             |                            |                         |              |
| Town Creek.....      | Lawrence | 1 88                       | 18 12                   |                                   |                                |                                 |                          | 15 00                               |                                  |                            |                         | 82           |
| Trinity.....         | Morgan   | 2 40                       | 50                      |                                   | 1 00                           |                                 | 5 50                     |                                     | 2 50                             |                            |                         | 60           |
| Liberty.....         | Lawrence |                            | 5 70                    |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Valhermosa Spr.....  | Morgan   |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         |              |
| Calhoun Grove.....   |          |                            | 25                      |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 50           |
| Mt Pleasant.....     |          |                            |                         |                                   |                                |                                 |                          |                                     |                                  |                            |                         | 1 00         |
| Total.....           |          | \$40 46                    | \$294 38                | \$37 22                           | \$14 50                        | \$64 27                         | \$13 10                  | \$69 09                             | \$29 79                          | \$12 20                    | \$3 50                  | \$26 89      |

## RECAPITULATION

|                                               | VOUCHER. | CASH.    | TOTAL.   |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Home Missions... ..                           | \$ 40 64 | \$294 38 | \$335 02 |
| Foreign Missions.....                         | 37 22    | 14 50    | 51 72    |
| State Missions.....                           | 64 27    | 13 10    | 77 37    |
| Ministerial Education...                      | 69 07    | 29 79    | 98 86    |
| Orphans' Home.....                            | 12 20    | 3 50     | 15 70    |
| Minutes .....                                 |          | 26 89    | 26 89    |
| Public Collection for Missions on Friday..... |          | 9 98     | 9 98     |
| Total.....                                    | \$223 40 | \$392 14 | \$615 54 |

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MUSCLE SHOALS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

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REMARKS—Of this amount J. G. Orr gave \$5 in memory of his daughter, Miss Glenn Orr, who though dead yet speaketh. †Pledge of D. J. Orr included in the \$7. ††This church has a parsonage. †These churches have no house of their own. \*\$50 church building. \$14.50 was received from individual pledges of last year for Ministerial Education, not included in the above.



# STATISTICS OF MUSKIE SHOALS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

| CHURCHES                 | COUNTY.  | PASTOR.         | CLERK.          | CLERK'S<br>POST OFFICE. | Membership<br>Last Reported | Increase    |            |                  |              | Decrease          |           |             |           | Sunday School<br>Officers & Teachers | Present Membership. | Sunday School<br>Pupils | Presiding<br>Sabbaths | Report Received<br>Report Payor Meeting | S. S. SUPERINTENDENT'S<br>NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS. |                       |                                   |                    |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|                          |          |                 |                 |                         |                             | By Baptism. | By Letter. | By Reconnection. | By Transfer. | By Disconnection. | By Death. | By Leaving. | By Other. |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       |                                   |                    |
| Bethel .....             | Calhoun  | W C Summers     | John H Sockwell | Avoca                   | 294                         | 7           | 1          |                  |              | 14                | 8         | 4           | 191       |                                      |                     |                         | 1                     | 1                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Bethel .....             | Morgan   | J S Blackman    | J C Leone       | Hartselle               | 102                         |             |            |                  |              | 5                 | 2         | 1           | 94        |                                      |                     |                         | 1                     | 1                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Bethany .....            | Lawrence | J R Blackman    | J W Owens       | Town Creek              | 66                          | 1           | 2          |                  |              | 13                | 7         | 1           | 55        |                                      |                     |                         | 2                     | 2                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Blue Springs .....       | Morgan   | J C Weaver      | W J Weaver      | Centre Grove            | 78                          |             |            |                  |              | 8                 | 3         |             | 70        |                                      |                     |                         | 1                     | 1                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Blue Springs .....       | Morgan   | J S Stockton    | W T Collier     | Riverside               | 16                          | 1           |            |                  | 1            | 2                 | 1         |             |           |                                      |                     | 50                      | 2                     | 2                                       | Report, but not full                              |                       |                                   |                    |
| Central, N Decatur ..... | Morgan   | R P McPherson   | Jno A Thomason  | Decatur                 | 94                          | 7           | 11         |                  |              | 3                 | 1         | 2           | 106       |                                      |                     | 12                      | 100                   | every 8                                 | 1                                                 | J A Thomason, Decatur |                                   |                    |
| Centre Grove .....       | Morgan   | J E Weaver      | M W Radliff     | Centre Grove            | 26                          | 4           |            |                  |              | 4                 | 3         |             |           |                                      |                     |                         | 2                     | 2                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Cherry Hill .....        | Morgan   | R T Wear        | Ed R Richeson   | Waco                    | 47                          | 5           |            |                  |              | 3                 | 2         | 1           | 41        |                                      |                     |                         | 2                     | 2                                       | No report                                         |                       |                                   |                    |
| Calhoun .....            | Lawrence | None reported   | Henry Hawkins   | Moulton                 | 49                          | 7           | 15         |                  |              | 2                 | 5         |             | 66        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 30                                      | 1 & 3                                             | 1                     | D F Green, Danville               |                    |
| DaVillle .....           | Morgan   | Joe Shackelford | J B Orr         | Danville                | 49                          | 7           | 15         |                  |              | 2                 | 5         |             | 66        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 30                                      | 1 & 3                                             | 1                     | D F Green, Danville               |                    |
| Decatur, Ist .....       | Morgan   | ES Atkinson     | W W Garnett     | Decatur                 | 30                          | 2           | 1          |                  |              | 1                 | 1         |             | 32        |                                      |                     |                         | 9                     | 38                                      | every 8                                           | 1                     | W W Garnett, Decatur              |                    |
| Elion .....              | Lawrence | J Gunn          | J T Wallace     | Jessons                 | 139                         | 7           | 1          |                  | 1            | 7                 | 213       | 3           | 122       |                                      |                     |                         | 7                     | 59                                      | 4                                                 |                       | J C M Livingston, Danville        |                    |
| Friendship .....         | Lawrence | M Briscoe       | E W Roden       | Basham                  | 38                          | 4           |            |                  |              | 3                 | 1         |             | 33        |                                      |                     |                         | 8                     |                                         |                                                   |                       | Have S S, but no report           |                    |
| Falkville .....          | Morgan   | W T Cobbs       | T L Simpson     | Decatur                 | 52                          |             |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 452       |                                      |                     |                         | every 8               |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Furnace Hill .....       | Colbert  | O C Gomstock    | G W Bridges     | Sheffield               | 49                          |             |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 149       |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Gum Springs .....        | Lawrence | J R Blackman    | W H Mason       | Hutton                  | 51                          | 1           |            |                  | 1            | 7                 | 1         |             | 73        |                                      |                     |                         | 1                     |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Gum Springs .....        | Morgan   | E J Roan        | E J Pannell     | Falkville               | 83                          | 6           |            |                  | 1            | 4                 | 12        |             | 78        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Harmony .....            | Lawrence | T R Bragg       | J S Howell      | Moulton                 | 47                          | 12          |            |                  |              | 1                 | 1         |             | 59        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 1                                       | 1                                                 | 1                     | W S Howell, Moulton               |                    |
| Hartselle .....          | Morgan   | W T Cobbs       | E T Johnson     | Hartselle               | 43                          | 3           | 8          |                  |              | 3                 | 1         | 2           | 50        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 54                                      | 1                                                 | 1                     | J W Loggins, Hartselle            |                    |
| Hartselle .....          | Franklin | No letter       | W H Jenkins     | Darlington              | 81                          |             |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 131       |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 35                                      | 2                                                 | 1                     | W H Jenkins, Falkville            |                    |
| Lebanon .....            | Morgan   | W J Briscoe     | W H Jenkins     | Falkville               | 80                          | 5           | 1          |                  | 1            | 4                 | 3         | 1           | 79        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 35                                      | 2                                                 | 1                     | W H Jenkins, Falkville            |                    |
| Liberty .....            | Lawrence | J M Roberts     | M Odell         | Town Creek              | 86                          | 2           | 5          |                  |              | 1                 | 2         |             | 93        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 40                                      | 4                                                 | 1                     | No report                         |                    |
| Macedonia .....          | Franklin | R T Wear        | F F Elkins      | New Burg                | 60                          | 6           | 6          |                  |              | 6                 | 2         | 6           | 64        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Macedonia .....          | Morgan   | J S Stockton    | L W Jones       | Lane's                  | 32                          | 8           | 2          |                  |              | 7                 | 2         |             | 43        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No report                         |                    |
| Mission Grove .....      | Lawrence | J M Roberts     | W H Yates       | Courtland               | 9                           | 1           | 5          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 13        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | Have S S, but no statistics       |                    |
| Moulton .....            | Lawrence | J Gunn          | H B Irwin       | Moulton                 | 41                          |             | 6          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 46        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 32                                      | 4                                                 | 1                     | Not reported                      |                    |
| Mt Zion .....            | Lawrence | Isaac Bradford  | H B Butler      | Edmond                  | 63                          | 7           | 10         |                  |              | 2                 | 7         | 1           | 5         | 71                                   |                     |                         |                       | 4                                       | 16                                                | 4                     | 1                                 | S A Richey, Edmond |
| Mt Zion .....            | Morgan   | J D McLanahan   | J H Thompson    | Hartselle               | 74                          | 4           |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 76        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 16                                      | 4                                                 | 1                     | Have S S, but no statistics given |                    |
| Mt Nebo .....            | Morgan   | W T Cobbs       | R B Gibson      | Massey                  | 74                          | 9           |            |                  | 8            | 6                 | 1         | 1           | 78        |                                      |                     |                         | 5                     | 23                                      | 4                                                 | 1                     | R B Gibson, Massey                |                    |
| Mt Nebo .....            | Franklin | R T Wear        | G W Hargett     | Hargett's Mills         | 74                          | 5           | 1          |                  |              | 3                 | 1         |             | 78        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Mt Hope .....            | Lawrence | R T Wear        | Geo W Jackson   | Mt Hope                 | 30                          | 4           |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 38        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Mt Pleasant .....        | Morgan   | J Gunn          | H A McCallan    | Flint                   | 81                          | 2           | 6          |                  |              | 2                 | 1         |             | 87        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 44                                      | 2                                                 | 1                     | No S S reported—Flint             |                    |
| Mt Pleasant .....        | Colbert  | J M Roberts     | H W Bowling     | Town Creek              | 81                          | 9           | 4          |                  |              | 4                 | 1         | 1           | 88        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 38                                      | 3                                                 | 1                     | A M Carter, Town Creek            |                    |
| New Hope .....           | Lawrence | J R Blackman    | H W Crow        | Sheffield               | 21                          | 2           | 10         |                  |              | 2                 | 3         |             | 27        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| New Prospect .....       | Lawrence | L H Wear        | M A Matson      | Courtland               | 29                          | 2           | 3          |                  |              | 4                 | 4         |             | 30        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| New Friendship .....     | Morgan   | W E Wright      | W B Blankinsop  | Somerville              | 20                          | 2           | 1          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 29        |                                      |                     |                         | 15                    | 8                                       |                                                   |                       | J B Holloway, Somerville          |                    |
| New Centre .....         | Morgan   | W E Wright      | J W Maples      | Somerville              | 29                          |             |            |                  |              | 1                 | 1         |             | 30        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| New Decatur .....        | Morgan   | J W Sandin      | T R Hardin      | New Decatur             | 30                          | 13          | 3          |                  |              | 8                 | 1         | 1           | 36        |                                      |                     |                         | 50                    | every 8                                 | 1                                                 | 1                     | J C Leane, New Decatur            |                    |
| Oklona .....             | Lawrence | L A Wear        | J C Reed        | Edmond                  | 74                          | 4           | 6          |                  |              | 1                 | 1         | 3           | 83        |                                      |                     |                         | 7                     | 50                                      | 3                                                 | 1                     | Not given—Edmond                  |                    |
| Pleasant Grove .....     | Lawrence | T R Bragg       | M C Bragg       | Edmond                  | 64                          | 9           | 6          |                  | 1            | 2                 | 2         |             | 76        |                                      |                     |                         | 7                     | 50                                      | 3                                                 | 1                     | J D Montgomery, Moulton           |                    |
| Prospect .....           | Morgan   | J E Roan        | M C Bragg       | Moulton                 | 64                          | 9           | 6          |                  | 1            | 2                 | 2         |             | 76        |                                      |                     |                         | 7                     | 50                                      | 3                                                 | 1                     | J D Montgomery, Moulton           |                    |
| Pleasant Hill .....      | Morgan   | J T Gunn        | N W Stewart     | Simpson                 | 81                          | 5           | 1          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 90        |                                      |                     |                         | 2                     | 30                                      | 1                                                 |                       | R T Adair, Simpson                |                    |
| Russellville .....       | Franklin | No pastor       | Peter Clay      | Russellville            | 92                          | 4           |            |                  |              | 12                | 3         | 1           | 80        |                                      |                     |                         | 6                     | 45                                      | 3                                                 | 1                     | R C Greenhill, Russellville       |                    |
| Rocky Creek .....        | Morgan   | J E Weaver      | M R Oden        | Lawrence's Cove         | 50                          | 5           | 8          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 68        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Sheffield .....          | Colbert  | No pastor       | R W Hennegan    | Sheffield               | 39                          |             |            |                  |              | 2                 | 1         | 56          | 11        |                                      |                     |                         | 60                    | every 8                                 | 1                                                 |                       | E Evans, Sheffield                |                    |
| Salmon .....             | Lawrence | L A Wear        | H E Weatherwax  | Monit                   | 67                          |             |            |                  |              | 3                 | 2         | 1           | 62        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Shoal Creek .....        | Lawrence | No letter       |                 |                         | 25                          |             |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 30        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Somerville .....         | Morgan   | J E Roan        | S A Legun       | Somerville              | 22                          | 11          |            |                  |              | 1                 | 3         |             | 34        |                                      |                     |                         | 1                     |                                         |                                                   |                       | Have S S, but no report           |                    |
| Shady Grove .....        | Morgan   | J S Stockton    | A J Moore       | Neel                    | 33                          | 1           |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 35        |                                      |                     |                         |                       |                                         |                                                   |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Siloam .....             | Franklin | W C Summers     | O A Grismo      | Russellville            | 22                          | 1           | 18         |                  |              | 1                 | 1         |             | 41        |                                      |                     |                         | 25                    | 4                                       | 1                                                 | 1                     | S S, but no statistics            |                    |
| Tusculum .....           | Colbert  | A J Thames      | C A Womble      | Tusculum                | 112                         | 3           | 3          |                  | 1            | 3                 | 2         | 1           | 118       |                                      |                     |                         | 7                     | 67                                      | every 8                                           | 1                     | W E Aycock, Tusculum              |                    |
| Town Creek .....         | Lawrence | R T Wear        | Jno N Jackson   | Mt Hope                 | 153                         | 17          | 5          |                  |              | 2                 | 4         |             | 165       |                                      |                     |                         | 39                    | 60                                      | 2                                                 |                       | Rob Tubb, Mt Hope                 |                    |
| Trinity .....            | Morgan   | J S Stockton    | H T Lile        | Trinity                 | 27                          | 1           | 1          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 29        |                                      |                     |                         | 3                     | 60                                      | 2                                                 |                       | Not given—Trinity                 |                    |
| Valherna Springs .....   | Morgan   | No letter       |                 |                         | 27                          |             |            |                  |              | 2                 | 6         |             | 30        |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 40                                      | 4                                                 |                       | W S Stephens, Hillsboro           |                    |
| Hillsboro .....          | Lawrence | Joe Shackelford | W J Cottoingham | Hillsboro               | 68                          |             |            |                  |              |                   |           |             | 118       |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 40                                      | 2                                                 |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Hopewell .....           | Morgan   | M Briscoe       | D J Orr         | Danville                | 108                         | 7           | 1          |                  |              |                   |           |             | 118       |                                      |                     |                         | 4                     | 40                                      | 2                                                 |                       | No S S reported                   |                    |
| Total .....              |          |                 |                 |                         | 3517                        | 194         | 179        | 7                | 7            | 161               | 27        | 60          | 36        | 3468                                 |                     |                         | 129                   | 1071                                    |                                                   | 15                    | 23                                |                    |

Remarks—Calhoun is a new church. Mt. Pleasant is an old church reorganized. Reported last year—no report this year. Some churches have Sunday Schools, but do not report them; and some that report Sunday Schools do not re. statistics. About 30 Sunday Schools. "No statistics. Calhoun church reorganized.

